

Opening  
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# Hope Academy

Transforming education for our young people

**Hope Academy will be a joint Catholic and Church of England Academy, formed to replace Newton Community High School & St Aelred's Catholic Technology College.**

It will be a place of learning with spiritual moral values at its heart. A place that welcomes children of all faiths and none, a place that has sustainability and the environment as a focal point in every student's learning experience.



## What will the new Academy be like?

**A place for people of all faiths and no faith.**

**An inspiring place in which to learn, reflect, worship and grow.**

**A specialist school for Sustainability,** that will take a fresh and responsible look at the world of today and tomorrow.

**There will be major improvements in educational standards** that challenge performance targets.

**It will be a unique teaching and learning experience** with Liverpool Hope University being closely involved in supporting both teacher and student development.

**There will be unique care for Every Individual,** that emphasises personalisation and individualisation.

**Support for both teacher and student development** - Sub-divided into five mini-schools, the Academy will provide unique personal care for every individual.

**There will be a highly developed chaplaincy service** with an emphasis on care, concern and welfare.

**We will teach the values of care for other people and the environment,** broadening our student's horizons on sharing our world.

**It will be centre of learning for all ages in the heart of its community.**

## Sustainability as a specialism



The Academy will make a real commitment to demonstrating ways of living that will not compromise the quality of life for future generations.

It will build sustainable development into the learning experience of every young person, helping them to develop the appropriate skills, understanding and attitudes to share and develop their knowledge about this subject.

The guiding principles will be:

- Living within environmental limits;
- Ensuring a strong healthy and just society;
- Achieving a sustainable economy;
- Promoting good governance;
- Using sound science responsibly.

The sponsors of the Hope Academy are the Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Church of England Diocese of Liverpool and Liverpool Hope University.

Church schools have strong links with their neighbourhood and take a leading role in opening up opportunity and strengthening the community. Hope Academy is seeking to maximise the educational and family provision for the community it serves.



For more information click on [www.hopeacademy.org.uk](http://www.hopeacademy.org.uk)

## Your Learning Experience

**Every student in the Hope Academy will be personally known and will be made to feel safe and secure as part of the learning community.**

It will allow each student to;

- feel valued and confident;
- work together;
- be taught gospel values and a tangible recognition of God;
- have a sense of belonging;
- have a love of learning and an opportunity to learn; they will be able to make mistakes, learn from them and take risks;
- become life long learners.

The Academy will achieve this through its Ethos and Organisation.

## A Christian Ethos

Hope Academy will follow a Christian ethos that will determine the attitudes and behaviour of both the staff and the students. This is best summarised in the biblical quotation;

**'To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'**

## Five schools within a school

Hope Academy will be divided into 5 distinct "schools". These will be divided further into "houses" and then again "families" so that every tutor group has students from all years. This will provide a family feel and means that every new student will have an older mentor or friend.

The "school within a school" structure will form the basis for assemblies and will provide the place for much of the learning for year 7 pupils when they first join the Academy.

## The New Building

**The sponsors continue to work very closely with St Helens Council in finalising the design for the new Academy building.**

**The design reflects the family feel of the Academy and offers students a wider curriculum and learning opportunities.**

**Building work is due to start in late September 2009 and both parties will continue to work closely to ensure the building will be;**

- full of light and colour;
- spacious and open;
- demonstrably sustainable and efficient;
- aesthetically pleasing and a home for works of art;
- calm and de-stressing;
- a place where God is recognised through its atmosphere, chapel and symbols;
- a place where peace is found.



## The Academy Timeline

